

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Claims 1-54 are pending in the application. In an effort to advance prosecution of the allowed claims to issuance claims 1-10 have been cancelled from the application and the remaining claims amended to depend form allowed claims as described below. The Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the cancelled claims in a continuation, continuation-in-part and/or a divisional application at a later time.

By way of this amendment claims 1-10 have been cancelled and claims 11-34 have been amended to place the claims in condition for allowance. Claims 35-54 remain as previously presented and as acknowledged by the Examiner are in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 11-18, 20-24, and 30-34 as being dependent from a rejected base claim and stated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and all intervening claims. By way of this amendment claims 11-18, 20-24, and 30-34 have been amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim and all intervening claims. In

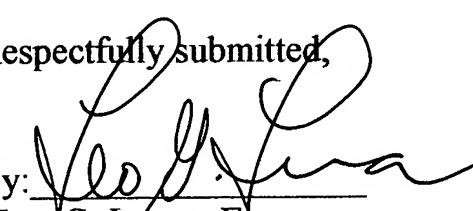
addition, claim 19 has been amended to depend from claim 11 as amended and therefore is also in condition for allowance.

Claims 25-29 which are directed to a method for using the claimed RFID encoding/verifying apparatus have also been amended to depend from claim 11, as amended, and therefore are also in condition for allowance.

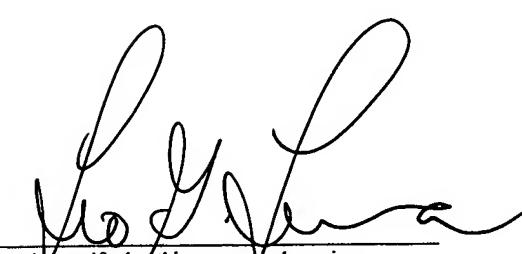
In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully assert that all remaining issues have been removed and that all claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request favorable action on the merits and allowance of all claims is respectfully selected.

Respectfully submitted,

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